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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a residential broadband customer of a local California provider called Sonic. I recently changed to Sonic 1GB fiber from a cable broadband provider as it offered competitive advantages which includes:

- lower cost than my former cable broadband provider.
- higher speeds for uploads and downloads as the connection is 1Gbps fiber.
- the local competitor, Sonic, has made a commitment to Net Neutrality.
- customer service is superior with a local provider than with the large national cable broadband provider.

I urge you to keep competitive rules and regulations that are in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 such as the provision that requires the broadband carriers to provide UNE elements (Sec 251(c)(3)) to competitors.

I have been in the telecommunications industry for over 30 years and have worked for the large national carriers as well as smaller, upstart competitors and ISP's, and OTT's. I have seen how the initial break-up of Ma Bell in the early 80's resulted in an oligarchic market where competition effectively was managed in a fashion so as not to create real competition. I have also seen the results of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 where a large number of competitors jumped into the market and pushed the large national carriers to become more competitive and offer us, consumers, a great deal more choice and aggressive pricing. In the end, this all worked out to create a vibrant market where consumers can now stream movies and television shows into their home via high-speed Internet creating further competition and innovation in the video market.

Again I urge you to look out for the consumers and small businesses who use competitive broadband providers as well as provide it. Please reject USTelecom's petition for forbearance of the UNE regulations.

Thank you,

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